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A VINITA BOY SHOTS FOUR IN JOPLIN

Gunman Empties Weapon While Forcing His Way Through Throgs—One Victim Hurt Seriously—Main Street the Scene.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 7.—Firing promiscuously with a 38-calibre revolver in an endeavor to kill Robert Nance, 27 years old, whom he asserts ruined his home, W. C. Chamberlain, 30 years old, shortly after noon yesterday wounded himself and three other persons, two seriously but not fatally. The shooting took place in the heart of the business section while the streets were thronged with people.

W. C. Chamberlain, 30 years old, miner, East Ninth street; wound in left arm.

Robert Nance, 27 years old miner, East Fourth street; wound in left arm.

Allie Warren, 18 years old, No. 1919 Kentucky avenue; wound in right leg.

H. C. Wright, 65 years old, a farmer of Anderson, Mo.; wound in left breast.

Fires in Crowd.

Chamberlain and Nance met near the corner of Fourth and Main streets at about 12:30 o'clock. Chamberlain was standing on the sidewalk talking with Nick Spawr, a former deputy constable, when Nance approached. Without speaking, Chamberlain removed a revolver from his pocket and began shooting. Nance was about ten feet from him at the time.

The first bullet fired penetrated Chamberlain's left arm, two inches below the elbow. In raising the revolver he accidentally discharged it. The second bullet entered the right leg of Warren, 18-year-old son of William Warren, No. 1919 Kentucky avenue, just above the knee, shattering the bone. Young Warren was standing in front of the Joplin National bank, a few feet from where Nance stood when hit.

Nance ran north past him, with Chamberlain in pursuit firing. The third bullet went wild, but the fourth fired after both men had crossed Fourth street, hit Nance in the left arm, causing a flesh wound.

Nance continued to run north as far as the Hub saloon, No. 321 1-2 Main street, which he entered, closely followed by his pursuer. As Chamberlain opened a swinging door near the front entrance he collided with an unidentified man. The man pushed Chamberlain's right arm above his head and simultaneously Chamberlain fired. This was the fifth shot. The bullet demolished a chandelier and entered the ceiling.

Bullet Through Farmer's Body.

Freeing himself from the grasp of the stranger, Chamberlain fired the last time as Nance was preparing to leave the saloon through a side door leading into East Fourth street. The bullet plowed its way through a rear corner of a bar and hit H. C. Wright, a farmer of Anderson, Mo., who formerly lived in Joplin, about four inches below his left collar bone, passing through his body.

By this time no less than a thousand persons were congregated in front of and near the side entrance to the saloon. Constable William B. Patton was standing on the sidewalk fifty feet south of Chamberlain when the first shot was fired and Chief of Police Joseph H. Myers was standing on the east side of Main street, directly across Main street.

Both heard the first and subsequent shots and started in pursuit of the fleeing men. Myers followed Chamberlain into the saloon and Patton stopped at the side entrance, where he met Nance coming out. He placed him under arrest and led him back into the saloon. Chamberlain came upon

the two after they were inside and, at the command of Constable Patton, laid his revolver, which contained six empty cartridges, upon the bar. Chief Myers came up at this time and thrust a revolver into Chamberlain's face. Both Chamberlain and Nance then were taken to the police station by Chief Myers and several patrolmen. A thousand men followed.

Fear Mob Violence.

While the prisoners were being questioned at headquarters the police received word that Wright, who was taken to St. John's hospital after the shooting, had died. Fearing the crowd of men outside would mob Chamberlain if this information reached them, the police hurriedly planned to spirit their prisoner out of town.

Justice of the Peace S. F. Jones was told of the plan and aided in placing it into execution. He drew a complaint charging Chamberlain with first degree murder and went to the police station. The prisoner was hurriedly arraigned and committed to jail without bail. Then he was led from the police station, placed in a motor car and whisked to East Joplin, where he, accompanied by officers, boarded an interurban car that conveyed them to Carthage. Chamberlain was placed in the county jail there. His preliminary hearing will be held before Justice Jones next Wednesday afternoon.

After the Warren youth was hit by one of the bullets from Chamberlain's revolver he staggered several feet and fell on the sidewalk. Pedestrians carried him into a business house, where he was taken to St. John's hospital in a motor ambulance from the Frank-Sievers Undertaking Company. He was operated on late yesterday afternoon, but the bullet was not removed. If complications arise his leg may have to be amputated, it is said.

Attentive to Woman.

Wright placed his hands over the wound in his breast and walked from the saloon before Nance and Chamberlain were taken into custody. Some time later he was taken to the hospital in a motor ambulance from the Cunningham Undertaking Company. Attendants at the hospital said last night he had a good chance to recover unless complications develop.

Nance was released by the police soon after being arrested. His parents live in Alba, but he has been staying in Joplin for some time past. Last summer he boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, who at that time lived at No. 123 North Gray avenue, and worked at the Mary C. mine. This fall the Chamberlains moved to No. 412 Kentucky avenue and Nance boarded with them there.

It is alleged that Nance became attentive to Mrs. Chamberlain, who is an attractive blonde, about 35 years old, after he had been at the home of the Chamberlains several weeks, and this embittered Chamberlain against him.

Six weeks ago, according to W. H. Finch, father of Mrs. Chamberlain, who operates a peanut and popcorn stand at the corner of Fourth and Main streets, Chamberlain and his wife separated on account of Nance. Three weeks later Chamberlain instituted suit in the court of Justice Jones to collect a board bill amounting to \$18.40 from Nance. The latter declared he had paid the bill to Mrs. Chamberlain and showed a receipt given to him by her. The suit was to have been tried at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Says Threat Was Made.

Following the filing of the suit Chamberlain and his wife "made up" and went to living together at the Crystal hotel on East Ninth street. That was about two weeks ago, according to the father of the woman.

"From what I have been able to learn," he said yesterday, "Nance has made repeated efforts to get Lucy (Mrs. Chamberlain) to leave home. He has been staying in Joplin ever since he quit boarding with the Chamberlains and has been the cause of much of the trouble between them."

"I was told not long ago that Nance threatened to kill Chamberlain. The

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WILLARD H. VOYLES.

Democrat newly elected county attorney, who went in without opposition.

THE TWO NATURES WAS DR. BULGINS THEME LAST NIGHT

The subject of Dr. Bulgins' sermon last night was "The Dual Nature," and the text was taken from John, 3rd chapter and a part of the 6th verse: "That Which is Born of the Flesh is Flesh, and That Which is Born of the Spirit is Spirit."

He divided individuals into five classes, and gave five difficulties which they find in their way when trying to live a christian life. These are: The critical man in the world; the man who would like to be a christian but can't live it; the backslider; the one who has false ideas of holiness; and the last, those who are complying with the conditions of a christian life, but do not know it.

Then we were told that there was a marked difference between a child of God and a hypocrite; that while both were endowed with the same propensities to sin, the child of God, through struggling for the right was constantly pulling in an opposite direction from the person who had no intention to even try; willing to allow himself to drift downward without a thought of his own safety, and without heeding the cries of those who see his danger and would stay the tide of sin which is creeping upon him more and more as days go by.

It is strange, but these very people he said, could tell the christian just how to live. "The devil's in hell and the sinners in the world," he said "know how a professed christian ought to live and can tell them all about it."

There are two distinct natures in man. "Born of the flesh and cannot please God," "Born of the spirit and cannot sin." He who is born of God cannot habitually continue in sin. While the weakness of his nature may cause him to make mistakes, his birth-right gives him the power to change and make good the wrong he has done. The fact that he is constantly tempted to do wrong is the very proof of his right to be a child of God. The abject sinner loses conscience to the extent that he ceases to struggle, and is not capable of knowing when he is really doing wrong. He may be told it is wrong, but he does not see it.

Dr. Bulgins says there is no place in the bible where God promises to forgive sin; but he has promised that our sins may be forgiven us. There is a vast difference, he says in sin, the singular and sins the plural. Sin is organic, born in us, but sins are what we do, and we have power to make them fewer, as our strength of purpose increases, and we grow to understand ourselves and take ourselves to task for sins, separately and collectively.

As sin is something we cannot help (Continued on Last Page.)

GUTHRIE LOOSES IN CAPITAL FIGHT

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 7.—Whether or not the state capital shall be moved back to Guthrie was still a mooted question at 1 o'clock this morning, both sides claiming victory by large majorities and the face of the incomplete returns showing Oklahoma City 16,000 in the lead of the actual votes cast for or against the amendment. Several of the missing counties will return good majorities for Guthrie while some are conceded to Oklahoma City. It is very doubtful if Guthrie can overcome Oklahoma City's lead as Guthrie must obtain a majority of all the votes cast.

Incomplete returns received from 29 out of the 77 counties gave:

Yes, 24,577.

No, 40,709.

Secretary Fred Wenner of the Guthrie state capital campaign committee, declaring that he had received complete returns from all of the larger cities in the state and incomplete returns from all of the 77 counties, issued the following statement from Guthrie last night:

"Guthrie has carried 41 of the 77 counties on the vote thus far received and will win permanent state capital location easily, the constitutional amendment carrying by 30,000 majority. The counties always conceded to Oklahoma City are going that way by less majorities than we had anticipated and some of them are giving majorities for Guthrie, including five counties along the Red river. The total vote of the state will not exceed 200,000, a decided reduction from two years ago. Guthrie is carrying the eastern and northern counties and making decided inroads on the southern ones."

The "silent vote," those who voted on other issues and candidate but who failed to vote upon the capital removal question, will help Oklahoma City. There will probably be over 20,000 of these. The effect of the law is that every voter who neglected to vote upon the proposition voted for Oklahoma City.

The returns as received only serve to swell the size of the great democratic victory in the state Tuesday. The presidential elector pledged to support Wilson in the electoral college will have a majority in excess of 30,000 slightly less than the vote of confidence given United States Senator Robert L. Owen who will lead the democratic ticket.

Late returns insure that Judge J. J. Carney in the second congressional district has returned Dick T. Morgan to private life. Carney's majority probably will exceed 500 votes. The Morgan headquarters leaders refuse to concede the defeat of the congressman but they have no figures to support their claims.

In the first district McGuire, repub-

lican, has been re-elected.

The returns indicate democratic gains in the legislature in the lower and upper houses. There will be a change from republican to democratic representation in several counties although the number is uncertain.

The returns on the school bill and the inflated measure of Campbell Russell to recall the state board of agriculture are gaining and indications are that both have carried unless the "silent" vote should prove sufficiently large to overcome the majorities. The vote on both bills was heavy all over the state.

The estimated vote cast for presidential electors was two hundred twenty-five thousand. Fifteen thousand were cast for the socialists, one hundred and twenty thousand for the democrats and ninety thousand for the republican ticket.

The socialists developed unexpected strength in the southern and western parts of the state, and are claiming a larger vote by 10,000 than the old party leaders are willing to concede.

Following is the vote on the capital question thus far received:

County	Yes.	No.
Adair		
Alfalfa	1,240	721
Atoka	110	225
Beaver		
Blaine		
Bryan	1,001	1,044
Caddo	32	60
Canadian		
Carter	605	1,168
Cherokee		
Choctaw	824	1,578
Cimmaron		
Cleveland		
Coal	397	612
Comanche	824	1,597
Cotton		
Craig		
Creek	1,456	1,403
Custer		
Delaware		
Dewey		
Ellis		
Garfield	2,112	1,483
Garvin	360	1,440

Grady		
Grant	1,715	1,238
Greer	260	640
Harmon	137	424
Harper		
Haskell	592	870
Hughes	54	156
Jackson	416	2,045
Jefferson	317	662
Johnston	222	336
Kay	1,559	1,111
Kingfisher		
Kiowa	900	1,700
Latimer	130	301
Le Flore	97	85
Lincoln		
Logan		
Love	22	125
McClain	208	693
McCurain		
McIntosh		
Major		
Marshall		
Mayes		
Murray	579	871
Muskogee	2,048	494
Noble		
Nowata		
Oklfuskee	689	654
Oklahoma	509	8,895
Okmulgee		
Osage	562	144
Ottawa		
Pawnee	76	51
Payne		
Pittsburg		
Pontotoc	973	1,546
Pottawatomie	2,265	2,407
Pushmataha		
Roger Mills	66	150
Rogers	1,304	978
Seminole		
Sequoyah		
Stephens		
Texas		
Tillman	243	612
Tulsa	113	105
Wagoner		
Washington		
Washita	473	1,016
Woods	733	459
Woodward	159	277
Total	24,577	40,709

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